(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Scheme	No. of NGOs	Amount sactioned 1998-99	1999-2000 (till date)
4.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of Scheduled Castes	03	Nil	5.56
5.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons	02	2.84	Nil
6.	Scheme for Provision of Ambulances for the Animals in Distress	04	4.50	11.01
7.	Integrated Programme for Street Children	10	55.73	33.72

(b) to (d) The assistance for the financial year is released in two instalments and the second instalment is released on receipt of inspection reports and recommendation of appropriate authorities. The recommendations, while assessing the working of the organisations, also report on the utilisation of funds and the progress made. The Schemes of the Ministry are generally for the voluntary organisations of the entire country. These schemes are publicised periodically so that more number of NGOs all over the country can be covered under the various schemes of the Ministry.

Assistance for NGOs in North-Eastern Region

64. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided to the voluntary organisations and NGOs functioning in North-Eastern Region during the last three years and till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that some cases for releasing funds to NGOs in Assam are pending with Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Assistance of Rs. 13.52 crores has been provided to the Voluntary Organisations, NGOs etc. functioning in North-Eastern region during the last three years and till date.

(b) and (c) 5 cases for releasing funds to NGOs in Assam are pending for want of required information from the NGOs/inspection report from the Stale Government.

(d) The NGOs and State Government have been requested to furnish the required information/Inspection Report.

Production and Export of Steel by SAIL

†65.SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of steel produced by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), so far, in the year 1999-2000, together with the quantum of steel exported during the same period last year;

(b) whether me quantum of production and export is higher than that of last year, and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The production of Saleable steel and exports by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) (excluding IISCO) during April-October, 1999 as compared to the same period last year are as follows:

	1998-99 (upto October, 1998)	1999-2000 (upto October, 1999)
Production Saleable Steel	4746000 Tonnes	5505000 Tonnes
Export	255000 Tonnes	491000 Tonnes

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, The production and exports during the year 1999-2000 are higher by 7,59,000 tonnes and 2,36,000 tonnes, respectively, as compared to the same period in 1998-99.

Steel Production in SAIL, VSP and IISCO

†66. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the Question, was received in Hindi.